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An unknown handsome man graces Page 3 with poetic ability; PAGE 3

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Profs 'force ideals,' some say

By James Seay
BUSINESS REPORTER

"Most teachers believe that their beliefs are right, while yours are wrong."

Junior Michael Dietrich holds to his opinion that many University professors force their ideals upon the students in their classes.

He also said that he feels students are forced to compromise their beliefs for good grades. However, he did say the blame does not fall completely on the teachers.

"Teachers do not deserve all of the blame. Students are equally

"The goal is to present students with the information and let them come to their own conclusion... classes are usually open for discussion, where students can reject or accept ideas."

JACK TAYLOR, ETHNIC STUDIES ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

responsible for these practices ... most students are too pig-headed to allow a person to give their beliefs over any topic," Dietrich said.

Richard Zeller, former University professor, charged the University with indoctrinating students. He claimed that stu-

dents are forced to compromise their beliefs in order to receive good grades in a class.

Zeller departed from the University a few years ago, yet the question remains: are ideas forced upon students?

Jack Taylor, adjunct assistant professor in Ethnic Studies, dis-

agrees.

"The goal is to present students with the information and let them come to their own conclusion... classes are usually open for discussion, where students can reject or accept ideas," Taylor said.

Taylor continued on to say that

exposing racism, sexism or classism does not advocate political correctness. Rather, they are criticized because they are against human rights.

Vickie Shields, director of the Women's Studies department, said that the University promotes students' choice in classes.

"The goal is not to indoctrinate students with a certain view, but rather open students up to the choices," Shields said.

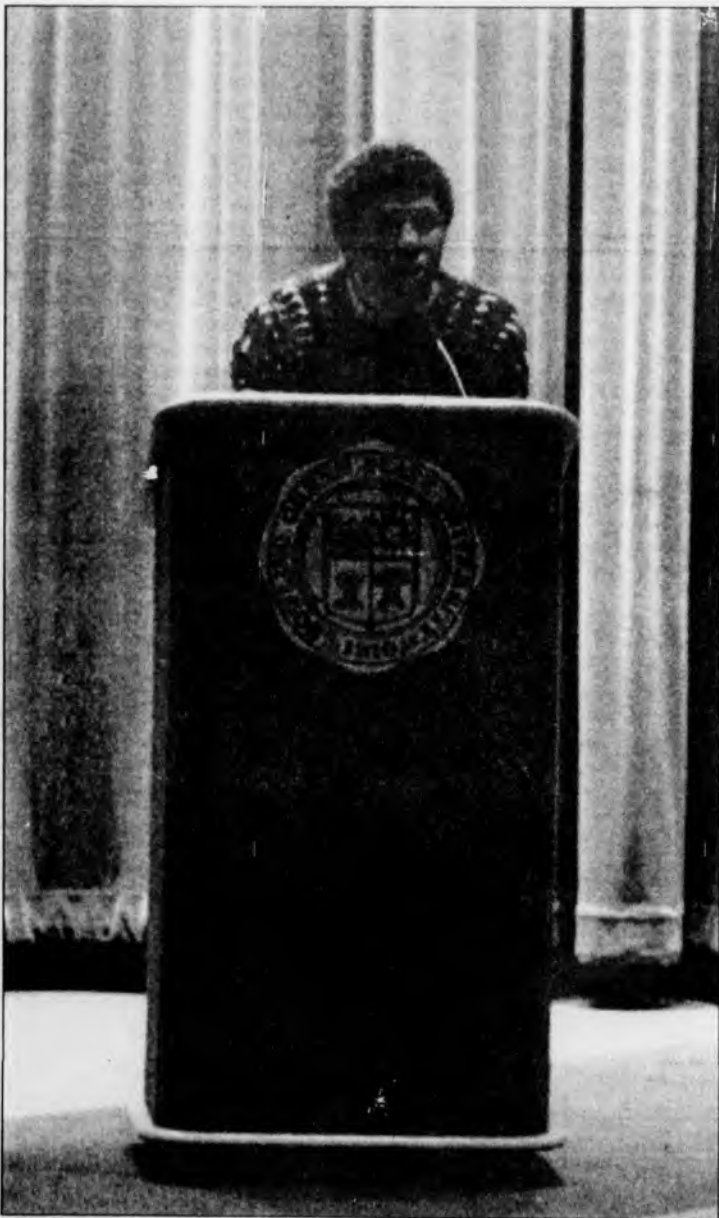
In Shields' opinion, the purpose of cultural diversity requirements is to enlighten individuals and better them to enter the workforce.

"It is not Women's Studies' mission to make people feminists ... [Women's Studies] is about opening up perspectives that have otherwise been closed," Shields said.

Currently, the general educa-

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CANADIAN CULTURE



Jennifer Burch BG News

SPEAKER: Danny LaFerriere spoke on campus yesterday as a part of the Quebec Literature series for the Canadian Studies program. The Quebec series is honoring Janis Pallister. LaFerriere has written books and short stories in French, which have been translated into English. He read from his pieces and discussed them. LaFerriere was the first of four speakers that highlights Canadian culture.

U. looking into hazing allegations

THE BG NEWS

The fraternity Phi Kappa Tau is under investigation for reportedly hazing a student during their New Member Education Program.

"There has been an allegation [of hazing] and the Judicial Affairs staff and Office of Residence Life is conducting an investigation," said Jeff Waple, associate director of Greek Affairs.

Investigators have interviewed members of the fraternity and non-members who were present during the program, which occurs after a prospective member accepts

an invitation to learn more about a Greek chapter.

Later this week the committee will announce whether there is enough evidence to support the hazing charge, which reportedly involved alcohol. If there is, charges will be filed with the University's Judicial Affairs department.

It has not been determined yet whether any charges would apply to the entire chapter or to specific individuals within the organization, according to Waple.

The last campus hazing incident to be reported and investigated took place in 1997, according to Waple.

Layers ideal for cold weather workouts

By Amy Nicoletti
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTER

Trees bend over in the howling wind, snow falls through the clear sky, it's 20 degrees outside...what a perfect time to go jogging!

When planning to exercise outdoors during cold weather, there are some general guidelines to follow to keep warm and safe. The most important are to stay hydrated, wear proper clothing, warm up and stretch, and know when to stay inside.

A person can lose more fluid in the winter because of the dry air, even though he or she might not be thirsty. "People think if they're not sweating, they don't need flu-

ids," said Cathy Swick, fitness director at the student recreation center.

Jill Boginski, sophomore, often runs outside in cold weather. She said to drink a lot of water, "at least 16 ounces."

Clothing is also an essential factor in preventing frostbite and hypothermia. When exercising in chilly weather, dress in layers. Swick said "the best fabric would be polypropylene," which wicks away moisture and sweat from the body.

Matt Stowell, junior, advised to dress for the weather and not just based on how you feel. He said

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Learning communities provide an academic boost

By Craig Gifford
CHIEF REPORTER

Community-building, help in classes and meeting people are all goals that a residential community strives for. Most people feel that the communities on campus have been successful in meeting these goals.

There are currently six residential communities campus, including Chapman, Health/Science; Honors; International Floor (Compton); Wellness Floor (McDonald North); and the French Community. In the fall, three new communities (Partners in Context and Community; Hispanic Living and Learning

Community; and Integrating Moral Principles and Critical Thinking) will be starting.

According to Linda Newman, director of Residence Life, the communities are "a movement in higher education to improve the quality of higher education."

In order to do this, Newman said that there will be the possibility of opening up many more learning communities. The chance to have a learning community for all students may some day exist she said.

Newman also said that because students are living with other people of similar interests and ways of learning, they generally do better in classes.

Robert Harr, director of the Health Science Community agreed that students involved in learning communities seem to do better in classes.

"There are glowing examples of students that perform at a level that exceeds expectations," he said.

By the same account, Harr said that there are those students that do not do so well.

"[Not doing well] is mainly due to a lack of engagement in academic activities."

Harr said that students can push their peers to succeed in classes.

"Usually in communities, behavioral norms are positive,"

he said. "This sets the norms of how students respond in class."

Many students who have been a part of these communities tend to agree that they have served their purpose of helping with academic success.

Colleen O'Patry, a freshman in the Chapman Community, said she has found it helpful that the professor's offices are located in the residence hall.

"They are so much more accessible than other professors," she said.

The Health Science Community also has mentors and tutors which offer assistance to the students. Natalie Axe, a freshman in the community,

enjoys this aspect.

"We can go down and ask them questions and they can help us," she said.

Other students involved in the learning community's like the fact that other students with similar interests and majors are in the program with them.

"If we don't understand a homework assignment late at night, we have someone there to help us," said Brenda Gerdeman, freshman in the Health Science Community.

Steve Dalton, freshman in the Honors program, had similar thoughts.

"If you struggle in an area, there are people here willing to help

you," he said. "It's more like a big support network."

One aspect that some people think can be a deterrent for learning communities is that some people can become too involved in them and not have a broad range of experiences.

"You have that potential for students to kind of be nurtured and raised essentially in that community and they use that as a crutch," Harr said.

"People in the Honors program sometimes have limits on people you meet, because you take the same classes with the same people."

LEARNING, PAGE 5

Non-violence activist to teach peace tactics

By Amy Nicoletti
ENVIRONMENT REPORTER

Colman McCarthy, a former Washington Post columnist, will be speaking in 115 Olscamp at 7:30 tonight. He will also be speaking at classes throughout the day on Wednesday and Thursday.

He will be speaking on whether or not peace can be taught and learned.

Jeff Schroeder and Kathleen Maloy are students who heard McCarthy speak in Washington, D.C. They described him as a "pacifist and an anarchist." Maloy said McCarthy is such a great speaker because, "he truly believes in it."

Schroeder and Maloy worked with Marc Simon, the chair of the political science department, to facilitate McCarthy coming to the university.

According to Schroeder and Maloy, McCarthy teaches nonviolent responses to fights and attacks. McCarthy has spoken at colleges and high schools across the country. He has also taught classes at law schools, high

schools and prisons.

In a news release from the Center for Teaching Peace, McCarthy said his teachings revolve around the idea that alternatives to violence exist. He said that if "individuals and nations can organize them-

TEACHING PEACE

WHO: Colman McCarthy, former Washington Post columnist

WHEN: Tonight

WHERE: 115 Olscamp

SUBJECT: Can peace be taught and learned?

selves properly, nonviolent force is always stronger than violent force." He also said that in 12 years, he taught more than 5,000 students.

McCarthy is opposed to any type of violence and believes there is no such thing as a "just war," said Schroeder. He also said that poverty and racism are

considered by McCarthy to be violence.

McCarthy was a nationally syndicated Washington Post columnist for about 30 years, writing essays on non-violence. His essays have been collected into several books.

Also, he is the founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C. The nonprofit organization provides programs that teach conflict resolution and mediation in high schools, colleges, and universities.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Honors Program, USG, the College of Arts and Sciences, the journalism department, Students for Quality Education, the history and political science departments, and Amnesty International.

Schroeder said that the amount of organizations sponsoring McCarthy shows "broad campus support" for the speaker.

'Insider' to provide insight into gender, Latino issues

By Ivy Ickes
WOMEN'S REPORTER

The University will be examining the status of Latino studies on Thursday through a speech on the importance of the development of the Latino culture.

Angharad Valdivia, an author and teacher on Latino studies, will speak at a luncheon for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Her speech is expected to help the University re-evaluate the current status of Latino studies, according to Vickie Rutledge Shields, Women's Studies program director.

"The purpose of this luncheon is to examine the state of Latin American studies: Will it stay interdisciplinary at the University or does it have a chance at turning into a discipline? Also is the university behind as far as other universities and what they offer in this field?" she said.

Valdivia will also speak at 6 p.m. tonight to the University community in 221 Olscamp on, 'Salsa as a Metaphor for Latinidad'. She will be addressing how Latinos have used salsa

Angharad Valdivia
Women's History Month Speaker
SALSA AS A METAPHOR FOR LATINIDAD
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dancing as a way to identify with their cultural roots.

Shields, who has heard Valdivia's presentation before said, "Valdivia brings an insider view to how salsa clubs in the

Midwest have helped Latinos discover what it means to be Latino in a predominately white area".

Valdivia is a Research Associate Professor at the University of Illinois and is currently a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge in England. Her teaching and research focuses on interdisciplinary fields such as gender roles, Latino studies, popular culture and Latin America.

As a keynote speaker for Women's History Month, Valdivia is a role model for both Latinos and other students, said Jesus Sandoval, president of the Latino Student Union.

"Having a multicultural speaker here at the University is very empowering because not only has she overcome the societal challenges placed upon her for being a woman she has overcome the added barrier of being a Latina woman," he said.

Valdivia will also speak Friday about the "Representations of Latinas in Hollywood Film and

SPEAKER, PAGE 5

Miami U. applications decrease from 2000

By Nick Hiltunen
U-WIRE

OXFORD, Ohio - Applications to Miami University, after a sharp 10-percent increase last year, have come back to normal levels.

Figures from the Office of Admission show the pace of incoming applications is down 5 percent compared to this time last year, and the office is not expecting much change before the application period ends.

The year 2000 was an anomaly for the Office of Admission: the applicant pool broke the 13,000-applicant mark for the first time in the university's history.

Part of the increase, administrators said, is due to the national exposure Miami received during the basketball season in which Wally Szczerbiak led the team to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tournament.

Vice President for Student Affairs Myrtis Powell dubbed the effect the "Wally Factor" at the last board of trustees meeting, jokingly saying she hoped Intercollegiate Athletic Director

Joel Maturi would "bring us another Wally."

Michael Mills, director of the Office of Admission, said that another Miami team in the spotlight would certainly make his job easier, but said the dip in this year's applicant pool is more complex than just basketball.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES FALL IN THE MIDWEST

In order for students to attend college, they must first graduate from high school, and the four states that provide the majority of Miami's student body -- Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois -- have all suffered declines in high school graduation.

Ohio's graduation rate dipped the most, losing 2.3 percent, followed by Indiana, which lost 1.8 percent. The Illinois graduation rate dipped 0.66 percent and Michigan's by 0.26 percent. "Frankly, I do think that the 'Wally Factor' contributed to this anomaly year," Mills said. "But the dip in high school graduation rates is hard evidence. There are fewer

students to choose from this year."

Because Miami depends so heavily on Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, (roughly two-thirds of its students come from those states, according to Mills) if graduation rates continue to decline there, so will Miami's applicant pool.

"We're national in terms of application, but we're not national in the sense of who actually comes to Miami," Mills said. "That's why these graduation rates are so important to us."

But a dip in Miami's applicant pool is also natural following an application surge like the year 2000, Mills said. Because 10 percent more students had to apply that year, 10 percent more were also turned down.

That meant a reduction in what the Office of Admission calls "borderline students," who are less qualified in terms of grade point average and college testing scores.

A lot of kids and their counselors get the message that

Miami's pretty selective, and they don't bother to apply here," Mills said. "When you look at it, this year's application decrease is among the least academically capable students."

But since the applicant pool has dropped again this year, the acceptance rate will also climb, which Mills thinks may encourage more borderline students to apply for 2002.

MULTICULTURAL APPLICATION RATE STILL UP

The year 2000 was also an anomaly for multicultural applications to Miami.

Approximately 7 percent more multicultural students applied to the university.

Mills credits most of that increase to the "I Am Miami" campaign, a multi-media effort featuring five students of different ethnic backgrounds who shared their experience with the university in TV, radio and print ads, newsletters and brochures.

The drop in minority applications mirrored the overall applicant drop -- 5 percent -- which

means that although there is no improvement from 2000, so far there is no decrease either.

"The silver lining in all of this is that we're still up 6 percent (in minority applications) from 1999," Mills said. "Last year may have been an anomaly ... but we've really turned a corner in terms of minority enrollment. Ten years ago, multi-cultural students didn't really even consider Miami an option."

ACCEPTANCE AND 'YIELD' -- A BALANCING ACT

If Miami is to meet President James Garland's 2009 goal of being first in the nation among public universities, Miami must decrease its acceptance rate, and increase its "yield" -- the number of students who actually come to Miami after being accepted, Mills said.

"The ultimate goal is to have a 50 percent acceptance rate, and a 50 percent yield," Mills said. "And a high acceptance rate is definitely not a good thing."

Although Miami's applicant pool surged last year, decreasing

the acceptance rate by 10 to 69 percent, the yield actually dropped a percentage point, to 37 percent.

The closest Miami has come to a 50/50 yield and acceptance rate was 1988, when its acceptance rate was 59 percent and its yield was 53.

Mills attributed those figures in part to the "Public Ivy" designation Miami received in 1985. "If we want to move to first place, Miami has to be much more selective than we currently are," Mills said.

Mills thinks one step would be to raise the price of out-of-state tuition, which he thinks may impede Miami's ability to compete on the national level.

"I actually have parents who ask 'why are you so much cheaper than Michigan?'" Mills said. "And they're not saying it in a good way. I don't think we're actually charging what the market would bear for the quality of education students receive."

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Live on Pay-Per-View ... Falcon Foray



E. SEAN MEDINA
Funky Cold

The campus of BG needs to settle down.

Around this time of year, students always get itchy for Spring Break and the backlash can be felt around campus. I am proposing to have an event that would let off some steam: the first annual BGSU Pay-per-view called the "Falcon Foray."

Since the World Wrestling Federation is having great success with its PPVs, I figured it would be a great chance for the students of BGSU to enjoy themselves, and beat the crap out of people at the same time.

Best-Bar Championship match:

A "four corners" match between the respective managers of Downtown, Easystreet, Howard's, and Junction for the "Best Bar Championship Belt." A hard-fought bout would ensue,

and the manager with the best beer, as well as fighting technique, would win.

Grudge match:

The rumble for the airwaves. WFAL versus WBGU for the right to gloat about whose radio station is the stronger of the two. Guest referee: Johnny D from Kiss FM. Of course, the entrance music would help determine the winner.

Ladder match:

Instead of jockeying for the University's money, all department chairs would enter the ring at the same time, and the one who gets up the ladder and pulls down the briefcase gets extra funding for the next school year. I think the Athletic department would have a definite advantage in this match.

Throw-down match:

USG vs. the incoming Freshman class. If USG wins, Freshmen don't get cars on campus. If the Pre-Frosh win, cars for all of them! Of course, Marcos Popovich would turn on USG and

help the Pre-Frosh win with his finishing move: "The Veto."

Main event: Control of BGSU
Sidney Ribeau and the Rock vs. Vince McMahon and Triple H for control of the campus of BGSU. Special guest ring enforcer: E. Sean Medina. Hmmm ... I wonder if Vince McMahon as President would be cool. I know we would have half-naked women as professors and Pepsi would be replaced by beer. Also, before we took our finals, each of us would have an in-depth interview with Jesse Ventura stating how we were going to put the Smackdown on the History Essay. Maybe I'll have to fix this match; just think, Stone Cold Steve Austin as your R.A. Wicked.

E. Sean Medina would like to thank Jeff McGinnis for the idea of this column. Vince McMahon would rule as President of BGSU. Who would you like as a professor from the WWF? Send replies to smedina@bgnet.bgsu.edu



FUNNY FOURSOME

Hmm ... Vince and Triple H have a tough choice ahead. The Rock, with his terrifying eyebrow, or a very determined looking Sid Ribeau (by gum, I can do it ...). We at Page 3 are quite wary of guys with facial hair, and boy, we'd take the clean-shaven Rock any day.

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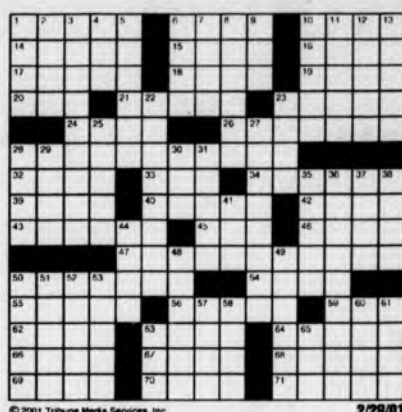
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F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

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Partly Cloudy

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Friday



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High: 36°
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College Haikus

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Students' duty: think for yourself

It shouldn't even be an issue.

Students attend a university in order to become educated. At least, that is the ideal.

However, when students are asked why they attend college, the most common reply is "to get a degree."

Follow that up by asking why they want a degree, the most common reply will be "to get a good job."

In an ideal world, we would be attending this University to become more scholarly, to become a Renaissance man (or

woman). Look at "Braveheart." Yes, William Wallace could kill an enemy in a variety of fascinating ways. But he was also well-versed in many topics, and he was fluent in many languages.

Along those same lines, we shouldn't only be able to do what we major in. We should be well-versed in all aspects of life.

But the argument over general education is for another day. The issue that shouldn't even exist is called "political indoctrination."

In a nutshell, it implies that some students feel the need to agree with what a professor says,

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even if they ardently believe differently.

It shouldn't even be an issue.

Granted, if it is happening, it is a horrendous thing. The job of an educator is not to promote a set of beliefs. It is not to convert. It is

not to entertain. What an educator should do is educate. Put forth all the information. Make the students understand everything, without forcing an opinion upon them as truth.

In return, it is the duty of a student to have a backbone. It is the duty of a student to critically question anything put before him or her. Only then can learning happen.

Most importantly, if the student feels that a demagogue is teaching the class, rather than a professor, he or she should take the necessary actions to remedy

the situation.

That, again, is the ideal. In reality, how many students are willing to pay more than \$20,000 just to be educated?

Very few. However, it is a reasonable sum, if one considers it an investment. The payoff comes when a steady job arrives, along with its steady paycheck.

In this reality, we can find it acceptable to hold safe opinions. We don't mind conforming to a belief, even if it is only for an hour, three times a week. It's a very small sacrifice for the payoff.

Before there was a change in that reality, there would have to be change in how our society operates. And we know how easy that is.

If political indoctrination is happening in class, both students and faculty should be ashamed. Otherwise, all is well in the utopia.

But it really shouldn't be an issue.

Robert Heinlein once wrote, "Specialization is for insects."

Once we stop acting like insects, it won't be an issue.

Excessive force by police immoral

Last Thursday night, right outside of Uptown/Downtown, I witnessed a scary sight. There on the corner, an undercover police officer was using force to control a drunken individual who was trying to pick fights.

The guy who was drunk unknowingly pushed this undercover cop, and he suffered the consequences. The undercover officer quickly exposed his badge, which was hidden and pursued the victim. The officer grabbed the man, threw him to the ground and gave him a few punches and kicks to subdue him. By witnessing this terrible incident, a very important question was raised in my head. When do police use too much force?

For the most part this is a very difficult question. Many police officers deal with some of the most hardened criminals, murders, rapists and drug dealers everyday. Sometimes excessive force may be necessary to capture hardened criminals, but how about those other times when the victim is not a criminal? A prime example is Amadou Diallo.

On Feb. 4, 1999, Diallo was minding his own business, not bothering anyone, not selling drugs, not robbing anyone, not raping anyone, not murdering anyone.

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"Nothing," I responded, and out of curiosity asked him and two friends the same question.

"Chocolate."
"Soda."
"Sex."

You must be kidding me. Although this isn't the first time that I've heard answers such as these, and these were by far the most common. A friend from home vowed to stop using her cell phone for Lent, yet couldn't last through the first weekend

without it.

I had to ask another question, just for curiosity's sake: "Why?"

In unison from the three: "Because we have to."

This brings me to wonder how absolutely asinine the idea of "giving something up" for 40 days really is. What is giving up chocolate/sex/soda/cell phones really going to accomplish? The original point of Lent was to "unite people in God" by giving up food, a necessity of life. I can't imagine that chocolate, booze, sex or whatever they choose to give up will make that big of an impact on a person's life. What can possibly be accomplished by this?

These things are overused and overindulged every other time of the year without much thought and then "poof" — it's time to give up chocolate again. It's odd that one of the seven deadly sins (gluttony) is virtually ignored for the better part of the year and suddenly becomes an issue 40 days before Easter.

Perhaps the most bitter irony about Lent is the holiday that

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directly precedes it, Mardi Gras. Now known for booze, boobs and beads, the current Mardi Gras is a direct descendant of a Roman Catholic holiday meant to let people indulge before they had to fast. Doesn't that basically defeat the purpose of Lent?

The practice of giving something up (even something utterly insignificant) is archaic. As far as I'm concerned, God really doesn't care if you eat meat on Fridays or go 40 days without sex or caffeine for Lent. I think he cares more about a person's faith and devotion throughout their life.

If you are observing Lent for what it is and remembering why you're on a chocolate cessation, then more power to you. If not, don't even bother. You may be fooling yourself, but I can guarantee you that you're not fooling God.

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Hat, nylon pants necessary for exercising

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that some people feel hot when they are running in cold weather, so they wear shorts. He said this is a bad idea because when they stop running, their muscles will tighten up because of the cold.

Stowell also said that "you lose 90% of body heat through your head," so wear a hat. Also, cover your mouth and nose with a scarf or mask because breathing

in cold air can lessen the amount of oxygen that is supplied to your heart.

When dressing for the weather, wear nylon pants or sweatpants with a layer of thermal underwear. For the upper body, wear a nylon or Gortex shell with no more than three layers under it. If exercising in the evening or at night, wear highly visible clothing so drivers can easily see you.

Another clothing tip is to shed layers as soon as you start sweating. Overdressing

causes excessive perspiring, and the body can become chilled, possibly leading to hypothermia.

If outside on a sunny day, it is a good idea to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun and snow glare.

Another suggestion from Swick is to "acclimate to the weather." She said it is important to "build up your tolerance to the cold and start with short time periods."

Boginski makes sure to stretch well before and after her work-out because it is important to warm up and stretch properly when exercising. This will help prevent injuries and sore muscles.

Another safety tip is to "know the conditions," said Swick. "If it's icy, it's not a good day to go out for a run." If it doesn't look safe to exercise outside, then keep your work-out routine indoors until the weather clears.

TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER WORKOUTS

- ✦ Wear a hat
- ✦ Dress in layers
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Some to stay in learning communities

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ple, you eat with them and sleep with them," Dalton said.

However, there are students who do not feel this way.

"I don't think it's hindered me from meeting other people. I know people in Mac and Rodgers," Gerdeman said.

There are aspects about the communities that some students are not fond of. One of those, according to O'Patry, is the weekly seminar that Chapman holds. Among the seminars have been discussions on problem solving skills, relationships and dating.

"None of them really interested me," she said. "Since they make them mandatory, there are a lot of people who don't want to go."

However, each of the students agreed that they would encourage future students to get involved with the learning communities on campus.

"It gives you the chance to meet people that have the same major and are in the same career, and the chance to know people right off the bat," Axe said.

"It gives you a sense that you belong to something. It's like a family thing we've got going on," Dalton said. "Some people struggle to find a place where they fit in. With learning communities, you've already got a place."

No need to change ideas

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tion core curriculum requires students to take one cultural diversity course.

"The important thing to remember is that if people do not want to adopt certain beliefs, that is fine," Shields said.

A few students responded that cultural diversity classes did not force them to change their beliefs.

"I have never had an experience where I felt my beliefs had been compromised for a better grade," said senior Carrie Croston.

Junior Jodi Renee Patches stated that no matter what is taught in a class, her beliefs will

be set in stone.

Donna Nelson-Beene, director of General Studies Writing, stated that although she has held her position for over 13 years, she has never received a complaint from a student claiming that a professor forced them to write about certain things.

"In our classes students are encouraged to express their political beliefs," Nelson-Beene said.

Nelson-Beene commented that papers are graded on criteria, not content.

"If a student feels that an instructor is indoctrinating them, they should report to a higher office about it," Nelson-

Beene said.

Shields reiterated the point that students go through the proper channel if they felt they were forced to adopt attitudes not their own.

"Sometimes miscommunication does lead to student's feeling indoctrinated," Shields said.

According to Shields students would be better off to communicate with faculty about concerns.

The mission statement of Bowling Green State University continues to state: "Bowling Green State University serves the diverse multicultural communities of Ohio, the United States, and the world."

Valdivia to look at J.Lo's impact

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on Television." This presentation parallels the topic for Women's History Month (March): Constructing Images of Women.

Valdivia will address the common images of Latina women in the media, such as the maid, the sex pot, the New Yorker, and the childbearer. She will also discuss how Jennifer Lopez has impacted

the portrayal of the Latina woman.

"Valdivia's presentations to the University and the students are important because they are on the cutting edge of studying Latino culture. And they provide us with a way of going outside the cultural box by challenging our thoughts," Krueger said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Students' duty: think for yourself

It shouldn't even be an issue.

Students attend a university in order to become educated. At least, that is the ideal.

However, when students are asked why they attend college, the most common reply is "to get a degree."

Follow that up by asking why they want a degree, the most common reply will be "to get a good job."

In an ideal world, we would be attending this University to become more scholarly, to become a Renaissance man (or

woman). Look at "Braveheart." Yes, William Wallace could kill an enemy in a variety of fascinating ways. But he was also well-versed in many topics, and he was fluent in many languages.

Along those same lines, we shouldn't only be able to do what we major in. We should be well-versed in all aspects of life.

But the argument over general education is for another day. The issue that shouldn't even exist is called "political indoctrination."

In a nutshell, it implies that some students feel the need to agree with what a professor says,

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even if they ardently believe differently.

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Granted, if it is happening, it is a horrendous thing. The job of an educator is not to promote a set of beliefs. It is not to convert. It is

not to entertain. What an educator should do is educate. Put forth all the information. Make the students understand everything, without forcing an opinion upon them as truth.

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the situation.

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Very few. However, it is a reasonable sum, if one considers it an investment. The payoff comes when a steady job arrives, along with its steady paycheck.

In this reality, we can find it acceptable to hold safe opinions. We don't mind conforming to a belief, even if it is only for an hour, three times a week. It's a very small sacrifice for the payoff.

Before there was a change in that reality, there would have to be change in how our society operates. And we know how easy that is.

If political indoctrination is happening in class, both students and faculty should be ashamed. Otherwise, all is well in the utopia.

But it really shouldn't be an issue.

Robert Heinlein once wrote, "Specialization is for insects."

Once we stop acting like insects, it won't be an issue.

Excessive force by police immoral

Last Thursday night, right outside of Uptown/Downtown, I witnessed a scary sight. There on the corner, an undercover police officer was using force to control a drunken individual who was trying to pick fights.

The guy who was drunk unknowingly pushed this undercover cop, and he suffered the consequences. The undercover officer quickly exposed his badge, which was hidden and pursued the victim. The officer grabbed the man, threw him to the ground and gave him a few punches and kicks to subdue him. By witnessing this terrible incident, a very important question was raised in my head. When do police use too much force?

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A friend posed that question to me yesterday in my morning class. I was perplexed for a moment and then realized what he was talking about — Lent.

Before I go any further, I want to warn you about this column: I can almost guarantee that things I say will go against your beliefs, but remember, being open-minded is a good thing. Also, remember that (as mentioned in previous columns) I'm not a heathen or an atheist, I just question the validity of some religious institutions.

"Nothing," I responded, and out of curiosity asked him and two friends the same question.

"Chocolate."

"Soda."

"Sex."

You must be kidding me.

Although this isn't the first time that I've heard answers such as these, and these were by far the most common. A friend from home vowed to stop using her cell phone for Lent, yet couldn't last through the first weekend

without it.

I had to ask another question, just for curiosity's sake: "Why?"

In unison from the three: "Because we have to."

This brings me to wonder how absolutely asinine the idea of "giving something up" for 40 days really is. What is giving up chocolate/sex/soda/cell phones really going to accomplish? The original point of Lent was to "unite people in God" by giving up food, a necessity of life. I can't imagine that chocolate, booze, sex or whatever they choose to give up will make that big of an impact on a person's life. What can possibly be accomplished by this?

These things are overdone and overindulged every other time of the year without much thought and then "poof" — it's time to give up chocolate again. It's odd that one of the seven deadly sins (gluttony) is virtually ignored for the better part of the year and suddenly becomes an issue 40 days before Easter.

Perhaps the most bitter irony about Lent is the holiday that

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directly precedes it, Mardi Gras. Now known for booze, boobs and beads, the current Mardi Gras is a direct descendant of a Roman Catholic holiday meant to let people indulge before they had to fast. Doesn't that basically defeat the purpose of Lent?

The practice of giving something up (even something utterly insignificant) is archaic. As far as I'm concerned, God really doesn't care if you eat meat on Fridays or go 40 days without sex or caffeine for Lent. I think he cares more about a person's faith and devotion throughout their life.

If you are observing Lent for what it is and remembering why you're on a chocolate cessation, then more power to you. If not, don't even bother. You may be fooling yourself, but I can guarantee you that you're not fooling God.

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Hat, nylon pants necessary for exercising

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that some people feel hot when they are running in cold weather, so they wear shorts. He said this is a bad idea because when they stop running, their muscles will tighten up because of the cold.

Stowell also said that "you lose 90% of body heat through your head," so wear a hat. Also, cover your mouth and nose with a scarf or mask because breathing

in cold air can lessen the amount of oxygen that is supplied to your heart.

When dressing for the weather, wear nylon pants or sweatpants with a layer of thermal underwear. For the upper body, wear a nylon or Gortex shell with no more than three layers under it. If exercising in the evening or at night, wear highly visible clothing so drivers can easily see you.

Another clothing tip is to shed layers as soon as you start sweating. Overdressing

causes excessive perspiring, and the body can become chilled, possibly leading to hypothermia.

If outside on a sunny day, it is a good idea to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun and snow glare.

Another suggestion from Swick is to "acclimate to the weather." She said it is important to "build up your tolerance to the cold and start with short time periods."

Boginski makes sure to stretch well before and after her work-out because it is important to warm up and stretch properly when exercising. This will help prevent injuries and sore muscles.

Another safety tip is to "know the conditions," said Swick. "If it's icy, it's not a good day to go out for a run." If it doesn't look safe to exercise outside, then keep your work-out routine indoors until the weather clears.

TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER WORKOUTS

- ✦ Wear a hat
- ✦ Dress in layers
- ✦ Drink a lot of water
- ✦ Wear scarf or mask
- ✦ Wear nylon pants or sweatpants
- ✦ Shed layers as soon as you start sweating
- ✦ Wear highly visible clothing
- ✦ Wear sunglasses
- ✦ Build up a tolerance to cold weather

Some to stay in learning communities

LEARNING, FROM PAGE 1

ple, you eat with them and sleep with them," Dalton said.

However, there are students who do not feel this way.

"I don't think it's hindered me from meeting other people. I know people in Mac and Rodgers," Gerdeman said.

There are aspects about the communities that some students are not fond of. One of those, according to O'Patry, is the weekly seminar that Chapman holds. Among the seminars have been discussions on problem solving skills, relationships and dating.

"None of them really interested me," she said. "Since they make them mandatory, there are a lot of people who don't want to go."

However, each of the students agreed that they would encourage future students to get involved with the learning communities on campus.

"It gives you the chance to meet people that have the same major and are in the same career, and the chance to know people right off the bat," Axe said.

"It gives you a sense that you belong to something. It's like a family thing we've got going on," Dalton said. "Some people struggle to find a place where they fit in. With learning communities, you've already got a place."

No need to change ideas

IDEAS, FROM PAGE 1

tion core curriculum requires students to take one cultural diversity course.

"The important thing to remember is that if people do not want to adopt certain beliefs, that is fine," Shields said.

A few students responded that cultural diversity classes did not force them to change their beliefs.

"I have never had an experience where I felt my beliefs had been compromised for a better grade," said senior Carrie Croston.

Junior Jodi Renee Panches stated that no matter what is taught in a class, her beliefs will

be set in stone.

Donna Nelson-Beene, director of General Studies Writing, stated that although she has held her position for over 13 years, she has never received a complaint from a student claiming that a professor forced them to write about certain things.

"In our classes students are encouraged to express their political beliefs," Nelson-Beene said.

Nelson-Beene commented that papers are graded on criteria, not content.

"If a student feels that an instructor is indoctrinating them, they should report to a higher office about it," Nelson-

Beene said.

Shields reiterated the point that students go through the proper channel if they felt they were forced to adopt attitudes not their own.

"Sometimes miscommunication does lead to student's feeling indoctrinated," Shields said.

According to Shields students would be better off to communicate with faculty about concerns.

The mission statement of Bowling Green State University continues to state: "Bowling Green State University serves the diverse multicultural communities of Ohio, the United States, and the world."

Valdivia to look at J.Lo's impact

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on Television." This presentation parallels the topic for Women's History Month (March): Constructing Images of Women.

Valdivia will address the common images of Latina women in the media, such as the maid, the sex pot, the New Yorker, and the childbearer. She will also discuss how Jennifer Lopez has impacted

the portrayal of the Latina woman.

"Valdivia's presentations to the University and the students are important because they are on the cutting edge of studying Latino culture. And they provide us with a way of going outside the cultural box by challenging our thoughts," Krueger said.

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Collapsed nose gear leads to Columbus crash

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The nose gear of a small airplane collapsed Tuesday night during a landing at Port Columbus International Airport. No one was injured. Investigators are unsure why the collapse occurred. The pilot of the twin-engine Cessna 310 was flying alone, said airport spokeswoman Angie Neal.

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Bush: Government should be 'active but limited' one

By Ron Fournier
AP WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

WASHINGTON — President Bush beckoned Congress Tuesday night to support a large and retroactive tax cut, declaring in a nationally televised speech, "The people of America have been overcharged, and on their behalf, I am here to ask for a refund."

Stepping before Congress for the first time, the president said, "Government should be active, but limited, engaged, but not overbearing."

On the 39th day of his presidency, Bush unveiled the outlines of a budget approaching \$2 trillion. It favors education, law enforcement and other popular programs, while curbing growth in NASA, freezing the federal contributions to the arts and humanities and jeopardizing assistance to the homeless.

"I hope you'll join me and stand firmly on the side of the people," Bush said.

In the first test of his leadership, Bush was trying to convince the American people and their legislators that cutting taxes would boost the sluggish economy and ensure that Congress doesn't squander the surplus on pork-barrel spending. Polls suggest voters are lukewarm to Bush's tax-cut package, which he presented on the campaign trail 14 months ago.

"Unrestrained government spending is a dangerous road to deficits, so we must take a different path," Bush said. "The choice is to let the American people spend their own money to meet their own needs, to fund their



LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT: Colombian president Andres Pastrana, left, meets with President Bush in the Oval Office at the White House on Tuesday to discuss matters.

own priorities and pay down their own debts."

Bush said he would appoint a presidential commission this spring to overhaul Social Security and instruct the panel to report its findings by next fall. "It must preserve the benefits of all current retirees and those nearing retirement," Bush said. "It must return Social Security to sound financial footing, and it must offer personal savings accounts to younger workers who want them."

The president also said he instructed Attorney General John Ashcroft to develop "specific rec-

ommendations to end racial profiling" — the practice of police officers targeting suspects based on their race or other traits.

"It is wrong and we must end it," said Bush, reaching out to black voters after winning only one out of 10 of their votes in the contentious presidential election.

With the government awash in budget surpluses, the nation's 43rd president offered something for everybody over the next decade: \$1.6 trillion in tax cuts, including reductions in every income bracket; \$2 trillion in debt reduction; increased spend-

ing for education, conservation and other programs; and protections for Social Security and Medicare.

"If it sounds too good to be true, maybe it is," House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said. "We think we should be more skeptical, more cautious, in approaching this tax cut." Democrats are proposing targeted tax cuts of up to \$1 trillion over 10 years, nearly twice as much as they supported a year ago.

Bush proposed increasing spending for Social Security, Medicare and other programs.

Voinovich flip flops on tax

By Katherine Rizzo
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. George Voinovich, who refused last year to vote for a small tax cut, embraced President Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax-cut proposal Tuesday and then went further, saying the country can't wait and tax rates should be cut immediately.

"We are in a recession," said Voinovich, a Republican. "I don't want this country to go into a deep recession like we had when I was mayor of Cleveland in '82-83 and you couldn't get anything done because the economy was so bad."

"We have got to do something now to turn around this funk."

Voinovich has been somewhat of a lone wolf in the Senate, insisting that cutting the national debt should be a greater priority than the tax cuts that have been enormously popular among other Republicans.

The former Ohio governor said he had a series of meetings

with top Bush administration officials, including Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and White House chief of staff Andrew Card. They laid out the reasons they wanted his support for a tax cut and Voinovich laid out the reasons he believed the country needed to pay down the debt.

Bush's plan calls for both: \$1.6 trillion in tax cuts and \$2 trillion in debt reduction.

Between the debt reduction, the promise of a budget request that holds the line on spending, and reductions that the current year's federal budget surplus will be larger than previously expected, Voinovich said he could enthusiastically support both the Bush plan and call for extra reductions to take effect right away.

Applying some of the current year's surplus, he said, would immediately reduce the amount of taxes withheld from workers' paychecks and increase consumer confidence at a time when surveys show it is waning. "It would jump-start the economy," Voinovich said.

Democrats denounce Bush's tax cut plan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Democrats greeted President Bush's first address to Congress tonight with denunciations of his planned tax cuts and warnings that he is leading the nation toward another era of federal deficits. Enacting a large tax cut without a full understanding of future federal income is "an amazing

demonstration of irresponsibility," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said before Bush's speech. Bush and his GOP backers say they are confident they can enact the tax cut and retain enough to protect Social Security and Medicare and meet the nation's top education and defense needs.

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Details surface on Russian spy

By Karen Gullio
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors released new details Tuesday of accused spy Robert Philip Hanssen's activities, including a letter in which Hanssen warned his alleged Russian handlers the day of his arrest that "something has aroused the sleeping tiger."

Various guns and ammunition were found in Hanssen's home, including an AK-47 and 13 handguns and pistols, according to the results of a search warrant.

According to a new affidavit, the FBI recovered a computer disk from a package that Hanssen dropped at a Virginia park on Feb. 18 that contained a coded letter. In the letter, Hanssen seems to signal that his relationship with the Russians was at an end because he received a new position excluding him from obtaining sensitive documents, the document alleged.

"It seems ... that my greatest utility to you has come to an end, and it is time to seclude myself

from active service," said the letter, signed "Ramon Garcia," detailed in the affidavit. The FBI has alleged that Hanssen's code name was Ramon Garcia.

A search of Hanssen's cars and home turned up "large amounts of United States and foreign currency ... precious metals, jewelry and other items of value," according to a search warrant released Tuesday.

Also found: passports, licenses and visas in fictitious or alias identities and records reflecting property sales and purchases both within the United States and foreign countries.

The FBI has alleged Hanssen had received more than \$600,000 in cash and diamonds, and an additional \$800,000 had been set aside for him in an overseas escrow account.

The search warrant says the money and valuables are "illicit proceeds...from multiple years of engaging in espionage for pay from the Soviet Union and successor Russian Federation and their intelligence services."

Investigators also found records of financial accounts that were Hanssen's but in phony names or aliases. Account statements from Credit Suisse and Bank Leu were found.

The chairman of the Senate's intelligence committee proposed Tuesday that the FBI rotate spy catchers out of their jobs every few years to guard against complacency and overconfidence.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said a rotation system could make it more difficult for spies to operate.

"Why leave someone in such a sensitive position for so long?" Shelby asked in an interview. "Although they have experience, there's also a tendency to become complacent, to become overconfident. Why not rotate them out? The military does that in command situations."

Hanssen is scheduled for his preliminary appearance at a hearing in federal court in Alexandria, Va. on March 5.

The nine-page affidavit was filed in U.S. District Court in the

District of Columbia in support of search warrants for Hanssen's downtown offices at the FBI and the State Department.

A list of what the FBI has turned up in the search of those offices and of Hanssen's home in Vienna, Va., has been compiled but was not immediately available. FBI and Justice Department officials said they had not yet seen the list and could not comment on it.

Hanssen, a 25-year FBI veteran and counterintelligence expert, was arrested on Feb. 18 and charged with espionage. The government alleged in a 109-page affidavit that he passed top-secret counterintelligence information to Soviet and Russian agents over a 15-year period starting in 1985.

Hanssen, 56, the father of six, was only the third FBI agent ever accused of espionage.

FBI director Louis Freeh called the case "the most traitorous actions imaginable."

The FBI began investigating Hanssen late last year after receiving Russian documents

indicating that an FBI agent was passing information to the Russians.

Hanssen was assigned to a new job in January at FBI headquarters, so the bureau could monitor his activities, according to the affidavit released last week.

"Since communicating last, and one wonders if because of it, I have been promoted to a higher do-nothing Senior Executive job outside the regular access to information within the counterintelligence program," the letter said, according to the affidavit. "It is as if I am being isolated."

"Ramon" said he detected radio signal bursts in his car, arousing his suspicions. "Amusing the games children play... Something has around the sleeping tiger. Perhaps you know better than I," said the letter released by prosecutors.

"Life is full of its ups and downs," said the letter that prosecutors allege Hanssen wrote. It contained the promise of a contact in a year, "same time, same place."

Clinton cuts in on CBS debate

By David Bauder
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — While still president, Bill Clinton talked to the chief executive of CBS on behalf of two Hollywood friends involved in a billing dispute with the network.

CBS chief executive Leslie Moonves confirmed the discussion Tuesday but denied that Clinton's intercession on behalf of TV producers Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason played a role in the dispute's resolution.

"I've had numerous chats with President Clinton over the past few years," Moonves said. "He is a friend of mine. No business decision has ever been made on the basis of a conversation with him."

Moonves said he and Clinton had talked about several subjects, one of which was Thomason. He said Clinton told him something like, "Harry's our friend, be nice."

"That was the extent of it," Moonves said.

The former president has been dogged by controversy since he left office over his presidential pardons and the way friends and relatives sought to influence him on behalf of cases.

The Thomasons, known best for the 1980s comedy "Designing Women," have had a long relationship with the Clintons and produced a video about the Arkansas native, "The Man From Hope," that was shown at the 1992 Democratic convention.

Thomason, co-owner with his wife of Mozark Productions, declined to comment on a Wall Street Journal story saying Clinton placed the call to Moonves. A spokeswoman for Clinton did not return calls seeking comment.

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Future of Americana Park uncertain

MONROE, Ohio (AP) — The future of Americana Amusement Park, a landmark for 77 years in southwest Ohio before it closed in 1999, remains uncertain.

Owner Jerry Couch said that he will issue a statement on the park's status Wednesday, but he declined additional

comment Tuesday.

Couch purchased the Butler County park in 2000 from Park River Corp. and said that he planned to reopen the park as a family oriented attraction in the spring of 2001.

Park River Corp., which owns Coney Island park in Cincinnati, bought Americana in 1996 from Leisure Systems Inc. and spent about \$4 million on improvements, but sold it when the park's atten-

dance failed to meet expected levels.

Local and state officials who would need to approve work for the reopening say they have not heard from Couch for months.

Monroe Development Director Jay Stewart said he has not spoken with the park's owner since last May and that Couch has not applied for a building permit for any construction.

Clean Air Act stands after industry fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's premier environmental law withstood a major industry challenge Tuesday as the Supreme Court upheld the way the government sets air-quality standards under the Clean Air Act.

The court unanimously rejected industry arguments that the Environmental

Protection Agency must consider financial cost as well as health benefits in writing standards.

Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia also had challenged the clean-air rules. They were joined by industry groups that included the American Trucking Associations, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

The American Lung

Association called the ruling "a victory for the Clean Air Act and for the health of the American people."

Attorney Judith French, who argued the case for the three states, said the decision was not a loss because the court clarified the EPA's reach.

"Up until now we have not had too much definition of what the EPA's authority is and how they can make their decisions," she said.

77-year-old falsely ordered to pay up

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — John Bakewell has been divorced since 1954. His children are older than 50. So imagine his surprise when Bakewell, 77, was told that he owed \$43,000 in back child support to his ex-wife, and the state began taking money from his paychecks.

"I got my check and more than half of it was gone ... that's when I found out I supposedly

owed child support," Bakewell said. "The agency contacted my job but no one said anything to me."

A judge last month ordered the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services to stop taking the money immediately after Bakewell's attorney presented a document that said he had completed paying child support in 1978.

In all, \$734.40 was withheld before Huron County Common Pleas Judge Earl McGimpsey issued his order.

Youngstown recalls homeless man's life

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — A man known only as Pepe in a Youngstown neighborhood had somehow managed to survive out on the streets without a home, although he could neither speak nor hear.

Jorge Miranda and Carmen Colon never knew much about the 5-foot-6 man with graying black hair. Even so, they took him in last year. They cared for him as family, and they decid-

ed to call him Pepe. Pepe died of a heart attack Feb. 9.

"Pepe was a person loved by everybody," said Colon. "I did not see Pepe as a friend, I saw him as family."

Colon said she saw him occasionally for about 11 years.

Miranda, an auto mechanic, left Pepe a blanket and pillow last April and invited him to move in one month later.

"It just broke your heart to see him the way he was out there," said Colon, 47.

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Reds sign three

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - The Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday signed catcher Jason LaRue and pitchers Seth Etherton and Jim Brower, leaving two players unsigned as the Reds prepare to open the exhibition season this week.

LaRue was signed for \$230,000, Etherton \$224,000 and Brower \$222,000. Still unsigned are pitchers Rob Bell and Hector Mercado.

Third baseman Aaron Boone was signed Monday for \$400,000.

The Reds play Rollins College in an exhibition game Wednesday at Rollins College in Winter Park, with Bell, Brower and Dustin Moseley scheduled to pitch for Cincinnati. Shortstop Barry Larkin and outfielders Ken Griffey Jr. and Deion Sanders are to start the game.

BG looks to beat Marshall for the second time

By Pete Stella
SPORTS EDITOR

The battle of 1-75 ended Monday night with the squad from the Glass City taking home its first win in Anderson Arena since the 1997-98 season.

And only its second victory in its arch-rival's house since 1990-91.

The Rockets held the Falcons to a 27.3 (9-of-33) shooting percent from the field in the second half and pressured Keith McLeod and Len Matela to just 11 total points in the final 20 minutes.

But keeping with Bowling Green men's basketball fashion this season, coach Dan Dakich and the Falcons don't have time to hang their heads.

Playing their fourth game in eight days, the Brown and Orange head to Huntington, West Virginia tonight for a 7 p.m. battle with Marshall.

"We gotta figure out what went wrong and why we weren't able to get done what I thought we should have got done," Dakich said, after the Toledo loss. "You can't sulk about it, you just get on the bus tomorrow and drive to Huntington."

Dakich, whose team fell to 13-12 overall and 9-7 in the Mid-American Conference, also said the lack of rest didn't hurt his team against Toledo Monday night but could play a factor in the Marshall contest.

Marshall, who lost 82-69 to the Falcons Feb. 14, have won two in a row since their defeat in Anderson Arena. The Thundering Herd beat Ohio 92-70 Feb. 17 and Northern Illinois, 81-65 Feb. 22.

The Herd's big dogs, forward Tamar Slay and J.R. VanHoose, who combined to hit 14-of-25 shots from the field for 34 points, will look to give their home crowd a show of revenge.

(VanHoose has netted seven straight double doubles and a conference leading 17 on the season.)

Last season, when the Falcons played at Henderson Arena, the Brown and Orange defeated Marshall 88-83, behind 25 and 24 points respectively from departed seniors Dave Esterkamp and Anthony Stacey.

The win clinched the MAC regular season title for BG.

The Herd currently stand in third place in the MAC with a 10-6 conference record and a 16-8 overall mark. With the loss Monday, BG remains to fourth behind Kent State, 12-4, Ohio, 12-5, and the Herd.

After tonight's game, BG hosts Miami Saturday at 1 p.m.

The game will be the last home match-up of the season as the seniors, along with the unmasking of the mascots, will be recognized.



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Icers say goodbye to home



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FIGHTING: Ryan Murphy fights for the puck in a recent game against Notre Dame.

By Derek McCord
SPORTS REPORTER

For the senior Bowling Green hockey class this could be the last weekend of their careers.

The Falcons are fighting desperately for a spot in the post-season CCHA Tournament.

But no matter what, it will still be the last weekend the seniors will play at home, as the Falcons won't have home ice advantage in the playoffs.

The senior class has played an important role this year for the Falcons both offensively and defensively.

Forward Ryan Murphy has led the seniors offensively while the rest of the class has taken a defensive role with the team. Murphy has been a different player since he played on the USA Hockey World Junior team during its 1998-99 campaign. His highlight of the prestigious tournament was when he scored his only goal against Canada.

Defenseman Doug Schueller has become the team leader of the Falcons ever since he was named team captain before his junior season. Schueller's first season was quite productive offensively as he scored five goals and assisted on 14 others. His freshman year was his biggest point total of his career as the defenseman became a true defenseman.

"Doug has had some frustration about his injuries in his time here," BG coach Buddy Powers said. "He came in as freshman that had the ability to log a lot of ice time and he legs just gave out on him. He is a

warrior — that is the best way you can describe him, he is a true competitor." His fellow defenseman Louis Mass has always been a defenseman that has not thought twice about throwing his body around. Mass has become a stalwart on the penalty-killing unit and is known to throw himself in front of a shooter to block a shot.

Forward Curtis Valentine's 6-6, 208 pound frame was originally going to be used to help him become a power forward type of player, but the frame has been used to stop other forwards. Valentine along with senior colleague Dennis Williams are the pieces along with Tyler Knight of the Falcons checking line that has been used by Powers to stop other teams high powered offensive lines.

"Vally has had the biggest role change here as he came in as a scorer and is leaving as a defensive player," Powers said. "Willy deserves a lot of credit because going into this year we weren't counting on Willy for a lot, but he hung in there."

Goaltender Shawn Timm after his freshman year has had to become a backup goaltender, but he has become one of the best teammates that any player could have. Timm in his freshman year started in 23 games, but his role changed to backup during his sophomore year. In his junior year Timm posted a 4-2-1 record in seven starts.

"Shawn is probably playing the toughest role on the team as he is the backup goaltender," Powers stated. "He is a tremendous teammate and has been a real positive force in the locker room."

Murphy shines in fourth year

By Dan Nied
SPORTS REPORTER

Regardless of the outcome of the Bowling Green hockey team's season ending series against Ferris State this weekend, Falcon senior Ryan Murphy will play hockey again.

The only question is where he will play.

The 21-year-old forward may have the best chance of any Bowling Green athlete on any team to reach his sports highest level.

It's something that has been in the back of his mind this season. Will this school year end with a diploma from BGSU or a first-hand education in the NHL? The Bowling Green hockey team hasn't put a player in the NHL since Murphy's close friend, Mike Johnson, signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs after the 1997 season.

If Murphy does make the jump to the NHL, at least he knows where he'll play. He was taken by the Carolina Hurricanes in the fourth round (113 overall) of the 1999 NHL entry draft. The Hurricanes have already talked to Murphy and his father about his role in the organization.



"Carolina is pretty keen on me finishing school," Murphy said. "But they need players right now. Something in the back of my mind tells me that I might be playing up there this season, maybe it's what my dad's been telling me. He's been the intermediary between the two of us."

As the NHL's Vice President of Hockey Operations, Murphy's father, Mike, might have a little more pull than most dads. Prior to taking over that post in 1999, Mike was the head coach of the Maple Leafs from 1996-98, where he signed Johnson, and coached the L.A. Kings from 1986-88. Prior to that he played 14 seasons in the NHL with the St. Louis Blues, New York Rangers and the Kings.

So Ryan has a hockey pedigree that make him attractive to NHL teams. He's grown up around NHL rinks and been pretty much raised by NHL players. He talks about teachers like NHL stars Grant Fuhr and Luc Robitaille, and neighbors like NHL defenseman Kris King. "He's my next door neighbor," Ryan says.

Murphy believes he would benefit with a bit of minor league experience before he got a chance at the NHL. His coach, Buddy Powers, agrees.

"He will have an opportunity to go on [in the minor leagues] and see what he can do," Powers said. "He's a young man and he'll get bigger and stronger, physically and mentally. He has good talent, but the experience factor will be tough for him."

Murphy came to Bowling Green at the age of 18. A contrast to most players who play junior hockey before college and are 19 or 20 during their freshman year. When Murphy leaves this year, he will be 21.

Of course, Murphy doesn't want to think about leaving Bowling Green. He's spent four seasons here and has blossomed into one of the best players in the CCHA. This season, while lining up with Greg Day and Scott Hewson on the Falcon's top line, Murphy has taken over as Bowling Green's top scorer with 20 goals.

That is an accomplishment near and dear to Murphy's heart. He feels a sense of vindication after a junior season he thought was subpar. His nine goals and 10 assists didn't live up to expectations after a sophomore season which he notched 33 points.

"I feel bad when people talk about last year," he said. "I feel like I didn't pull my weight. I turned into a third liner when I should have been scoring more."

Scoring or not, Murphy's four years at Bowling Green have passed. This weekend he will join his five other classmates on the blue line during pregame introductions. They will be bade farewell and then will play the most important series of their careers. If they can beat Ferris State twice this weekend,

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Seniors reach the end of the road

By Erik Cassano
SPORTS REPORTER

The reality of her college playing career coming to an end really hasn't hit BG senior Afra Smith yet.

"I've been moving around so much, playing two years in Kansas, it hasn't really sunk in...I'm not crushed yet."

The seniors of the BG women's basketball team have followed very different paths to the culmination of their careers. Smith came to BG two years ago from Cloud County Community College in Kansas. Jackie Adlington started her college career at Cleveland State, spent two years out of college basketball while transferring to Bowling Green, and finally suited up for the Falcons midway through last season. Angie Farmer has spent her entire career at BG and will leave as one of the program's

greatest perimeter players. All will pull on their white BG home uniforms and play in Anderson Arena for the last time this week. Naturally, they are hoping it will be Saturday as they host the first round of the Mid-American Conference tournament, and not tonight as they take on Miami in their regular season finale. Right now, the seniors aren't trying to focus on endings, just new beginnings.

"I really want to get to Cleveland [for the second round of the MAC tournament]. Cleveland has been like my second home since I went to school there," Adlington said. "Obviously, we're concentrating on the games here first, but...we're the underdog heading into the tournament, nobody expects us to win, and I think that's the best way to go into the tournament."

Coach Dee Knoblauch has

unique memories of each of her three seniors. Farmer, one of the greatest outside shooters in the history of the program, has been a sheer joy for Knoblauch to watch whenever she has had a hot shooting streak.

"I remember the Toledo game [in January]. She had to change the arc on a three point shot to get it over a defender. It practically scraped the rafters and it went in, nothing but net. She is just amazing when she gets on a tear," Knoblauch said. "She is one of the best shooters I have ever coached."

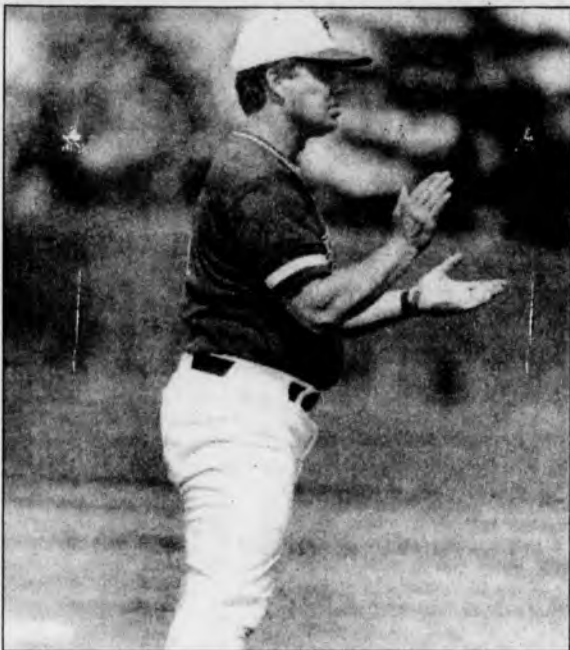
Farmer is currently fourth in career three-point attempts, and second in three-pointers converted. If she hadn't been injured and missed five games in December, there is a good chance she would have captured the career record.



Jeff Hindenach BG News

SHOOTING: Lindsay Austin tosses the ball up in a recent game against Marshall.

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READY FOR ACTION: Entering his 11th season head coach Danny Schmitz encourages his team as they get ready to start their season off on Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

Pitching pertinent for BG

By Erik Cassano
SPORTS REPORTER

The arms race in the (literally) cold war that March baseball can be is already starting up for Bowling Green. The Falcons head into Saturday's season opener at Eastern Kentucky looking for pitchers that can help fill the void created when Tony Fontana, one of the top pitchers in the Mid-American Conference last year, was drafted by the Boston Red Sox. His 8-3 record and 2.69 ERA was tops among BG pitchers who started at least six games last year. Now, the onus falls on the likes of senior RHP Craig Menke, one of the top returning starters. Menke made nine starts in 2000, going 5-3 with a 5.28 ERA. Other pitchers who will be looked upon for big innings will be RHPs Brian Baumgartner and Brad Henry. Baumgartner, a sophomore, made 10 appearances, six starts, and went 3-2 with a 6.67 ERA last

year. Henry, a junior, worked mostly out of the bullpen last year, only two of his 18 appearances were starts. He went 1-0 with a 5.45 ERA in 2000. 1B/LHP Chad Curllis is the top returning reliever. He went 0-1 with 2 saves and a 1.93 ERA in 14 relief appearances last year.

"This is one of these years where we have to fill some holes from last year," said coach Dan Schmitz. "Pitching is key for us every year."

In the field, Schmitz will be counting on some veteran upperclassmen to be the linch pin that holds the lineup together. Seniors Lee Morrison and Aric Christman, and junior Len Elias will be the starting outfield trio, and will provide a lot of the firepower for the heart of the batting order. Morrison hit .362 with a team-leading 46 RBI in 148 at-bats last year. Christman hit .337 with 25 RBI and tied Morrison for the team lead in total bases with

104. Elias hit .303 with 22 RBI in 155 ABs.

"Elias and Morrison will probably hit three and four in the lineup," Schmitz said. "Our first baseman will probably be in that mix as well."

On the infield, first base will most likely be manned at the start by sophomore Kelly Hunt. Hunt got only 23 ABs last year, but was productive, hitting .478 with a pair of doubles and three RBI. Up the middle will be a solid pair of returnees in 2B Corey Loomis and SS Nick Elrod. Loomis is expected to be one of the table-setters at the top of the order this year. He hit .260 last year, Elrod hit .295. Their 15 and 22 walks respectively were the highest bases-on-balls totals for sub-.300 hitters on the team during the 2000 season.

At third base will be senior Scott Dukate, the owner of the best batting average among returning infielders with at least

75 ABs in 2000 at .333.

The main man behind the plate will be junior Tim Newell. He hit .167 in 30 ABs last year, but still hit two HR with five RBI.

Among the freshman Schmitz will be looking at this year will be RHPs Kyle Knoblauch, Clayton Booth, and Ryan Lindquist, LHP Keith Laughlin, and 3B Andy Hudak. Hudak, a right-handed hitter, is expected to be part of a platoon situation at DH to start the year, along with righty Nate Henschen and lefty Neil Schmitz.

MAC preseason poll

The Falcons were picked to finish fourth in the Eastern Division in the annual MAC preseason coaches poll. Miami, with 79 points, was picked to win the division, at the front of a tight pack that includes Kent (78) and Ohio (76). BG was voted a distant fourth with 53 points. The Falcons finished last season 29-24-1 overall, 14-12 in the MAC.

Murphy will be sad to leave BG

MURPHY, FROM PAGE 8

Murphy's and the other Falcon seniors' careers won't end. They'll make it into the playoffs and have one more chance for the elusive championship.

But no matter what, Saturday marks Murphy's last stand in the

BGSU Ice Arena. A teary farewell may be appropriate.

"This building has meant so much to me," he said. "It's one of the reasons I chose to come to this school. It's got such a great atmosphere and fans. I'll miss it."

The realization will have to hit sometime. His BG career is about

to come to a close. Is Murphy disappointed that he hasn't yet held a championship trophy over his head and his time is severely running out? Sure. But would he give this experience back? Probably not. For the rest of his time here, Murphy just wants to enjoy Bowling Green hockey.

"I went on the ice today for about a halfhour by myself," he said Tuesday. "I looked up in the rafters and started to get a little teary eyed. I'm just trying to cherish these moments here. I want to enjoy the time I have left. I just want to ... what's the phrase ... smell the roses."

Falcons have one objective - to win

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She stands about 20 short right now.

Knoblauch has seen great strides in the game and personality of Smith since first taking her into the program as a transfer student. She calls Smith one of the most athletic players in the MAC.

"Afra has so much promise," Knoblauch said. "I wish that last year was her freshman year and not her junior year. She has come a long way since last year, skill-wise, confidence-wise. In four

years, we could have done a lot with her."

For Adlington, her time in BG may have been, looking back, all too short. Because of NCAA transfer rules, she sat out nearly two full seasons, and did not play for BG until last this spring. Adding to her frustration, she has had to fight through a string of injuries this year, starting with a broken foot in the season opener, that have limited her to 11 games.

"It really is a shame, her being hurt," Knoblauch said. "I think that this is the last go-around for her and she realizes that now.

She was our most consistent performer in the middle stretch of the season. She is a smart, experienced player."

Miami

The Falcons have a very simple objective heading into tonight's 7 p.m. tip-off against Miami: win. With a victory, the Falcons clinch homecourt advantage in the first round of the MAC tournament Saturday. Their most likely opponent will be either Ohio or Western Michigan.

The RedHawks come into tonight's game at 15-10 overall, 9-6 in the MAC, and most recently

drubbed Akron 94-32. Kim Lancaster was Miami's leading scorer with 21 points. It was the fourth time in the last six games she has led the RedHawks in scoring. Heather Cusick is one of the premier point guards in the MAC, with 135 assists on the season.

"Miami is very balanced," Knoblauch said. "They are doing very good with a younger team. A lot of their top players are freshmen and sophomores. They have a good inside game, and they execute well on offense."

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Lights, camera, action: MTV hits Cancun

By Amanda Ambroza

So you want to be on TV?

This year MTV will yet again be rocking its cameras and shows against the backdrop of Spring Break in Cancun from March 14-17.

MTV's hot weather fest will feature a multitude of shows including "Fashionably Loud" and "Say What? Karaoke," as well as "Celebrity Dream Date," where participants get a chance to win a date with a celebrity.

According to an MTV representative, the names of the celebrities participating in the events have not been released.

A new addition to the MTV Spring Break line up this year will be the MTV original TV movie "Spring Break Lawyer," which tells the story of a law school dropout and his best friend defending students who get a little too caught up in the misadventures of spring break.

MTV will also be in Acapulco this Spring Break, following around four college students and capturing their wild times on camera.

"We're excited to return to Cancun, which has become the hottest destination for Spring Travelers," said Bob Kusbit, senior vice president of production for

MTV in a Feb. 14 press release. "The picturesque backdrop and high energy of Cancun have worked out so well for the channel's annual production, which provides viewers the fun and adventure of Spring Break without leaving their homes."

In past years, University students have made the trip to MTV Spring Break

"It was a crazy time, everybody was just pumped," said senior Stacy Fabian, a participant in MTV's Cancun Spring Break 1999.

"We went through a spring break company,

and when we got on the bus they told us MTV would be there," said Fabian. "They had contests at a bar called Fat Tuesday's to be on the show 'The Grind.'"

Both Fabian and her companion impressed the judges enough to win passes to participate in the show.

"The morning we got up to film the show, they had the longest lines, and at the front they would place you where you'd be dancing for the show," Fabian explained. "It was a long day because they had to keep doing takes. But everyone was crazy and excited."

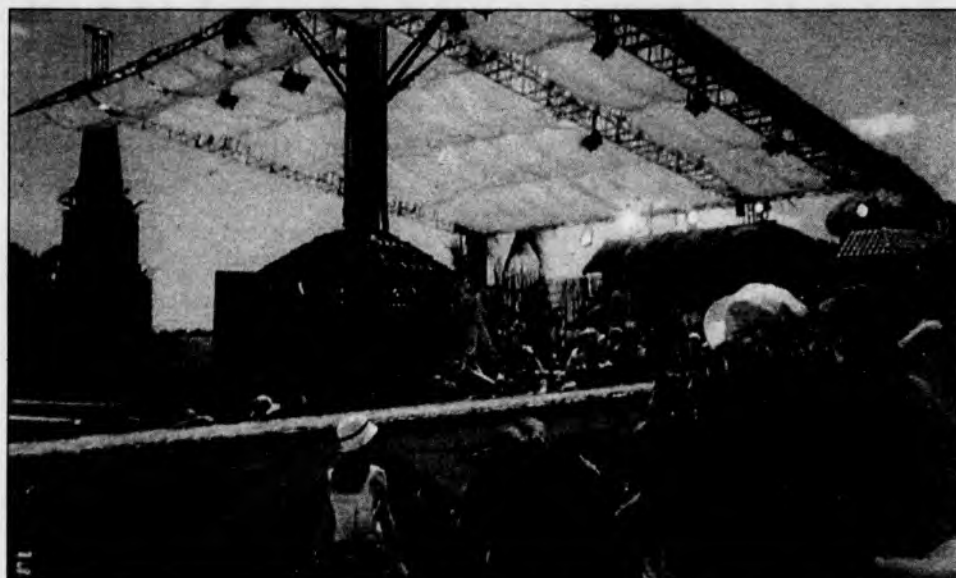
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MTV SPRING BREAK:

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Problems travel with vacationers

By Marie Chiche

With Spring Break coming up, it is time for thousands of students to head for warmer climates and tropical islands. But for some of those students, Spring Break can turn out to be a horror story.

Each March, travel scams seem to increase, from some students stranded at airports to others stuck on tropical islands without accommodations.

"Sometimes, searching for the best deal can land students far from paradise and cost them more than they bargained for," said Jack E. Mannix, Certified Travel counselor and president of the Institute of Certified Travel Agents in a press release. "That's why it's so important they proceed with caution as an educated consumer."

Before signing any kind of contract, students should make sure the travel agent or company is professionally certified. They can ask whether there is a Certified Travel Counselor (CTC) or a Certified Travel Associate (CTA) on staff. CTC's or CTA's in your area can be found at www.icta.com, the Institute of Certified Travel Agent's website.

A background check can also be a good idea. According to the weekly magazine Steamtunnels, the Federal Trade Commission has created a plan called "Operation Trip Tap," specifically geared towards travel-related fraud. It is a combined effort between law enforcement and consumer education groups targeting companies that misrepresent vacation

packages. A list of travel companies the FTC has filed action against can be found at www.ftc.gov/os/1999/9908/statecases.htm. Students can also call the Consumer Affairs Department or Better Business Bureau to inquire about the company's history.

When you are on Spring Break there are ways to guard yourself from the threat of scams.

Always pay by credit card. It offers more protection against fraud. If paying by check or cash for a charter package, make sure it is payable to an escrow account and call the bank handling the escrow account to verify its validity.

Some credit cards, such as the Visa Gold, will reimburse any extra expenses due to baggage loss and cover the basic insurance policies needed when renting a car.

A credit card number can also help to track down your airplane ticket or reservation if they've been lost.

Another way to protect yourself from scams is to understand company policies of the airline you are taking.

A lot of charter flights are used for Spring Break travels and they operate under different rules than the traditional airlines. They have the right to cancel up to 10 days prior departure and can change schedule at the last minute.

They are also allowed to delay flights for up to 48 hours with no mandated compensation or alternative transportation. Check the contract to see if the charter operator will cover any costs associated with flight delays.

If one of your flights is delayed to the next day, ask to get all your bags back, even if it's for one night. You'll have the security of checking in yourself the next day and might avoid spending three days without any clean clothes.

"My bags got lost once, and it took almost a week before I got them back. Good for me I was coming back to my apartment and I had some clothes there" said senior Gratianna Yhap.

Review the vacation contract and the conditions under which operators can change flight schedules, hotel accommodations, rules and penalties for cancellation. Operators can put you in an alternate hotel that is not as nice as the one advertised in the package materials if it is listed in the contract.

Also, consider purchasing travel insurance to cover cancellations and stay away from nonrefundable airplane tickets. An accident could happen just before you have to leave, and you might end up with an extra reservation or ticket you cannot do anything with.

Even though they appear to be more expensive at first, consider buying an all-inclusive vacation package. It includes airport transfers, meals, various activities and can be booked through one operator. It would prevent you from having any extras to pay and offer activities at a better value than what you can find on site.

Once the booking is done, you have to get ready for the travel itself. First advice: get enough sleep before you leave so that you can react in a coherent manner at the airport. Complications are always possible, and easier to handle if you've had enough rest the night before.

Try not to lose control. Things are just going to get more com-

SPRING BREAK TRAVEL TIPS

CREDIT CARDS: Credit cards offer protection and can help to track your reservations and plane tickets.

RESEARCH: Check out the travel company and make sure they are professionally certified.

SLEEP: Being rested helps when dealing with complications.

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FASHION

LOOKIN' GOOD FOR SPRING BREAK

Students exercise, tan to prepare for week-long escape from U.

By Heather Heban

The Spring Break destinations have been chosen, reservations have been made and every aspect of the travel plans are complete. Now what's left to do? For some, entirely too much.

Traditionally, Spring Break trips take students to warm and exotic locations. Many of these locations call for swimsuits and skin, which can be frightening for those stuck under the wool sweaters and jeans of the frigid Midwest. This is where preparation is handy.

Starting about the middle of October, eager students begin to plot out their Spring Break journey, said a representative of Endless Summer Tours.

By the time the holidays end it's time to break into vacation preparation mode. Everyone has their own agenda, whether it's working out, getting a new hairstyle or getting their nails done, but the majority of those I talked to seems to tan.

"I need a really good base tan to protect myself. I wouldn't want to burn from Tijuana's heavy rays," said sophomore Julia Soya.

Liz Zorn, an employee of The Tanning Center (they have three locations along Main Street and East Wooster) explained the different types of packages they have specifically to aid those going on Spring Break.

"We have one month unlimited in the booth for \$35, one month unlimited in the beds for \$30 and 10 visits for \$20. It's pretty much so people going on Spring Break can get in as many visits as they need the month before vacation," she said.

When asked if she was going somewhere for Spring Break and if so how was she preparing, Zorn answered "Yes, I am going away for break, but I haven't done anything for it. I'll probably tan the week before I leave and buy some lotion from the Tanning Center."

Unlike Zorn, Bryce Thornton, senior, has been gearing himself up for a trip to Cancun since December. Each Sunday he and his roommates have taken pictures of themselves in order to graph their progress.

"At first we looked awful, but it is great motivation to see yourself look a little bit better each week," said Thornton.

One of Thornton's roommates, junior Brenden Cullen, said "I ran once." Some of the guys have done a little better than the

others, but nonetheless, they are trying to work as a team. Those looking to get fit for break should listen to what Thornton says he and his roommates attempted.

"Each guy tries to motivate the others, and with one of the roommates working in a modernly equipped health spa we try to work out and lift regularly," he said.

So, after you buy a tanning package and create a health plan to tone up for a bathing suit, what is next?

Trying to find a bathing suit in the middle of winter, and that can be tough. A few of the easiest ways to find that perfect suit are right at your finger tips, online.

Many quality manufacturers and design labels such as American Eagle or Nike have suits online year-round. J.Crew advertises, "Visit our swim finder at jcrew.com ... no matter the style, we'll help find the suit that fits you the best." Mixing and matching to find the perfect fit is easy at online store such as this.

If mall shopping is more your speed, check out

Gadzooks, Wet Seal or any of the major department stores nearby. The selection may not be as vast as it is before summer, but they are worth a shot.

After all is said and done, Spring Break is a time for college students to kick back and relax. You don't have to have the best body or perfect suit to enjoy yourself.

While it is safe to achieve a base tan and nice to look good, taking a break from the books is sufficient for everyone. Enjoy!

"Each guy tries to motivate the others, and with one of the roommates working in a modernly equipped health spa we try to workout and lift regularly."

BRYCE THORNTON, SENIOR



FASHION TIPS: WHAT NOT TO DO

By Heather Heban

After weeks of working out, shopping and tanning, it's finally Spring Break. Now's the time to relax, enjoy the atmosphere and let the good times roll — that is, if a disaster doesn't strike. Naturally, being away from home and ready to party, fashion can get out of hand.

With my trusty fashion education and general observations I shall entertain you with potential Spring Break fashion horrors. Everyone wants to look good, it's human nature. Spring Break is part of the college experience. The need for style is at its peak and so are the faux-pauxs.

The sun is a great example of how the fates can be tempted. It's the first day of vacation and it's time to wallow in the ultraviolet rays.

After a few too many hours of Cancun sun you are now the official party-lobster of Spring Break 2001. Let's face it, who wants to get up close and personal with the guy/girl who not only looks funny, but is obviously in lots of pain.

My advice is to lather up the sunscreen, SPF 30 or more. For the love of God don't pass out on the beach the first day, it's bad form! Also, to all the fellas, if you leave your shirt on while out on the beach you will get a farmer's tan. Just wanted to remind you about the lack of sex appeal a tan only on your forearms and neck will get you.

The next problem exists when one is out of his or her regular atmosphere and tries things very out of character. Do not, I repeat *do not*, get a piercing, tattoo or anything else that may cause pain. I got my tongue pierced my last night at Daytona Beach three years ago and let me tell ya, the swelling and inability to eat didn't exactly make for fun, plus I wasted \$50 on something I took out two months later.

Before getting any of these things done one should really investigate the credibility and safety of the individual doing the work. Who has the time to play Nancy Drew on Spring Break anyway?

If worshipping the sun is not your thing, yet you still want to get rid of the pastiness caused by Ohio living, use the self-tanner wisely. Applications that are even will prevent streaks and moderate amounts will eliminate the yellow resemblance to Homer Simpson.

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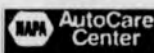
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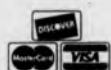
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Spring break DISASTERS

By Ivy Ickes

Spring Break. It should be a week of fun and no worries. That's not always the case, however.

For example, last Spring Break I lost my identification on our first night in Florida and had to use my passport for the rest of the week. Then, while we were waiting to board the cruise ship leaving the Bahamas, my bag spontaneously caught on fire, to this day we still don't know what caused the fire and the 4 inch diameter hole in my bag.

Strange things like that always happen to me, though. But, I'm not the only one, other students have had occurrences too.

"I've spent the last three spring breaks in Florida at my grandpa's nursing home. Grandpa always made things interesting by doing things like making me do the worm for his friends," Jeff Kisner, freshman said.

Or, there was the time we missed the 6 p.m. curfew and had the cops and coast guard out looking for us. Then we lost grandpa for a few hours — he got confused on his way back from

the bathroom."

You don't have to go to grandpa's nursing home to have a not-so-pleasant time.

"Last Spring Break (the women's basketball team) went to Cleveland for the Mid American Conference tournaments. We lost on the first day, but had to stay because we paid for the hotel room for the entire four day weekend. We did have a good time site seeing though," said Amanda Schroeder, junior.

Schroeder isn't the only one who got stuck somewhere she didn't want to be for Spring Break. Julie Koss, junior, said: "I spent one Spring Break with a bad case of the flu and my mom made me stay in bed the entire week without any visitors. Apparently the guy I was dating at the time was pretty annoyed with this because after that week I never saw him again."

Of course, whenever traveling is involved, one is bound to have car problems.

"I went to see a friend at Miami University for spring break a couple of years ago and was lucky to have made it back alive. On our way down there it was raining really bad and we took a turn a little too quickly. We spun off the side of the road and got

stuck in a 20-foot-deep ditch. Once we finally got out of the ditch we had to pull over and unbend the muffler with a tire iron from the trunk. But, after we put everything back in the trunk we realized the keys were also tossed in the trunk so we had to tear out the back seat to get them out. Five hours later we finally made it to Oxford. But, on the way back, the car completely died leaving us stranded in a tiny town an hour from Bowling Green. I had to call a girl I hardly knew to come and take us back home," said James.

Unfortunately James isn't the only one who has had car troubles over Spring Break. So has Melissa Meyers, sophomore, although hers wasn't quite as bad.

"My car broke down on spring break on the way to South Carolina, but luckily we were only a half hour from my dad who picked us up. We were able to find a shop in South Carolina to fix the car and safely drive it back home after enjoying the rest of our break," she said.

So while there are many bad things that could happen on Spring Break, I hope all of you are lucky, as Meyers was, and can still enjoy the time off, no matter what happens.

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Businesses notice effects of students' absence

By Craig Gifford

When Spring Break hits, students will not only be leaving the University, but local businesses as well.

Many Bowling Green businesses take a hit in the number of patrons during Spring Break.

"It's a big change during the day," said Kate Mickley, manager of Junction. "You can definitely tell it's Spring Break."

Nick Smith, manager of Campus Pollyeyes, shared similar thoughts. "It's just a lot slower. We don't get as much business at all."

Not all businesses see a decrease in business during break. According to Meredith Myles, owner of Myles Pizza, he sees an increase in customers. "Usually our business picks up because the locals come out and patronize us."

He said many locals don't cross the railroad tracks when the stu-

"It's a good week to get projects done, like cleaning and making signs. It's more relaxed with people kinda wandering around"

KATE MICKLEY, JUNCTION MANAGER

dents are in town.

The location of the business is one thing that can play a part in how much business is lost when students go on break. Matt Lukas, manager of Fricker's, said they might have more business if they were located closer to downtown.

"I'm sure if we're located more in downtown, it would be a little better for off-campus students who don't go home," he said.

Other businesses in the downtown area feel they can depend on the city residents to keep things

going while the students are away.

"We have a large business regardless if students are here or not," said Lisa Faigenbaum, manager of Mr. Spots.

"There's still quite a few people here," Smith said.

The students who patronize the local businesses are not the only ones who leave town for break. The businesses will also lose a number of employees.

"Here, most of our employees leave," Faigenbaum said.

"We have quite a few employees that leave," Mickley said.

The loss of employees is something that many businesses plan ahead for.

"We start planning in December and January," Lukas said. "When we look at applications, one thing we ask is if they are staying over Spring Break. If they are, then that application is put on top."

Others rely on those employees that are staying in town to pick up

extra hours in order to keep business flowing.

"We have troopers that come in and work a whole bunch of shifts that week," Mickley said.

"Usually we have a good amount of people that stay here," Smith said. "Since it's not that busy, we can get away with employees leaving for Spring Break."

With students gone and employees who are still in town taking more

hours, businesses are able to use Spring Break as a way to get caught up with housekeeping.

"We use that time to do a little extra cleaning, stuff like that," Lukas said.

"It's a good week to get projects done, like cleaning and making signs," Mickley said. "It's more relaxed, with people kinda wandering around."

Keeping travel nightmares at bay

TIPS, FROM PAGE 4

plicated if you start yelling or swearing. The only effect is that people will take longer to help you or ignore you.

Some people might even take it personally and make it so your bags end up in Tel Aviv, where they are destroyed, or some other exotic destination.

Don't lose your luggage identification tag. It is stuck either on your ticket or your boarding pass. It is the only way to trace your luggage if it gets lost, according to the press release. The tag is located either on the ticket or your boarding pass.

Take a carryout bag in case your luggage gets lost. Pack it with the basic necessities for at least an extra day, and put your valuables in it.

Also take some basic medications with you. You never know how you can react to the local food or water.

Finally, know your rights. It is the best way to make sure you are not taken advantage of, and it will help you to react better to any kind of situation. According to the a press release from The Institute of Certified Travel Agents, you have the right to cancel a charter flight without penalty if the operator changes your itinerary-different flight or hotel-or if it increases prices at the last minute. So use it.

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Spring Training hit for travelers

By Craig Gifford

Often times, students think of Spring Break as a chance to hit the beaches, hit the bars or kick back and relax. However, it can also be a time to head town to Florida and catch some baseball.

Spring training for Major League Baseball began almost two weeks ago, with preseason games to begin in the next week. The University's Spring Break will run right through the middle of spring training.

Some students from the University have taken the opportunity to go down to Florida over past spring breaks and have not regretted it.

During the preseason, the players are friendlier and more willing to sign autographs for the fans.

"Both years I've gone, I've gotten an average of 20 autographs," said Mike Brandyberry, senior, who has made the trip to Florida the last two years. "They're (the players) a lot more laid back."

Greg Chavalia, senior, has made the trip the last two years, as well. "The games are real laid back, you can talk to the players during the game. You get a regular season game and it's all business."

Besides the game, fans who go to spring training can also chat with the players at many of their practice facilities. According to Brandyberry, one can watch teams take batting practice, fielding practice and play intersquad games from

right behind the fences.

"You can stand right behind the batting fence and be a hundred feet away from Omar Visquel in the field," he said.

During their walks from the game field to a practice field, many of the players will take the time to talk to fans, Chavalia said.

Not only are the players more relaxed, but the fans are, as well.



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"The atmosphere is relaxed, because most of the people there are on vacation," Chavalia said. "People are doing their own thing; some of them aren't even paying attention to the game. It's like a little league game."

"You can walk along with them and can have conversations with them," he said.

The stadiums for preseason games are also quite a bit different from those the teams play in during the regular season. Preseason stadiums are smaller.

"You are so much closer to the field wherever you sit. There is no such thing as an upperdeck," Brandyberry said.

Ticket prices are quite a bit cheaper, as well. While someone may pay \$40 for the best seat in the house at Jacobs Field, the regular season home of the Cleveland Indians, it only cost \$21 at the most to catch them at Chain of Lakes Park in Winterhaven, Fla.

Besides watching baseball, going to Florida can offer many other things, such as the chance to relax in the warmth.

"You can find a golf course every five feet it seems, and they have a lot of restaurants," Brandyberry said.

Both students who have spent their spring breaks watching spring training baseball have said it was an experience they will remember.

"No doubt about it," Brandyberry said. "It's a lot of fun."

Chavalia shared similar thoughts, saying, "It's a neat experience, it's worth it. You get sunny weather and you get the chance to enjoy baseball at the same time."

ALTERNATIVE VACATIONS

U. sponsored trips give valuable learning experiences

By Shannon E. Nolkedy

During the upcoming Spring Break, many students will be hitting the beach and partying. Others will be using their time away from the University to learn outside of the classroom.

According to Michael Brown, student adviser of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ), CRU offers two different Spring Break trips. Approximately 20 students will be spending their break at the University of Guadalajara where a chapter of CRU was established recently, while 15 others will take part in the Big Break Conference in Panama City, Florida.

Brown explained that both trips would be valuable learning experiences for the students that attend. Both trips will offer education on leadership development and teaching on spiritual principles.

The conference in Panama City will also include interacting with other spring travelers in the area. One part of the Guadalajara trip will include speaking in language classes. Brown also said that this would allow students to benefit from cross-cultural communication.

Twenty students from United Christian Fellowship (UCF) will spend a week in the South Bronx. Brian Rose, program director of UCF emphasizes, "This is not a service trip ... but a learning trip." Rose explained that the trip allows students to

gain first hand experience of "in your face" issues.

According to Rose, the trip is focused on the opportunity to learn about racism and poverty and to visit grass roots communities.

The itinerary includes visiting church after-school programs, interacting with Sing Sing Prison inmates who have participated in a graduate program of theology, social work and who have also participated in needle exchange programs.

"I think they (students) gain perspective ... it broadens their world view. It gives students a chance to see another world and recognize oppression and focus on bringing awareness to other students," Rose said.

Would you pay to stay?

By Chuck Soder

Every Spring Break, residence halls close and students leave. Many students from other countries do not have the choice to go home, however.

Because international students cannot return home so easily, the University gives students in Compton Hall, where the international floor is located, the option of staying through the break at the price of \$15 per day. The price — nearly \$100 for the entire break — has driven some international students to tour the country instead of staying.

Kentaro Hayoshi, a 23-year-old student from Japan, said that while a trip to Chicago will cost him more than staying on campus, the cost difference is too small to justify staying. "If I stay, I will pay \$15 per day and have no fun," he said. "In Chicago, at least I'll have some fun."

Hayoshi said that the cost of staying is an unfair burden on international students. Students from other countries must pay a nonresident fee of about \$6000 a year on top of tuition.

"I don't have extra money," he said.

Yukiko Akazawa, a 21-year-old resident of Compton, is going to visit New York City to make the most of her money. "If I didn't need to pay the extra charge, I would stay here," she said.

Neither Akazawa nor Hayoshi have the option to return to Japan, as a round trip costs about \$2,000.

Akazawa said that the \$15 cost is too high, partly because so many dining halls will be closed. Over break, only Founders will be open. Its hours will be Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jim Zentmeyer, associate director for Residence Life, said faculty outnumber students on campus over break, justifying why Dining Services chose Founders instead of a dining hall closer

to students. Based on previous years, only about 20-30 students usually stay on campus, he said.

The \$15 charge is not only fair, but also a bargain, according to Zentmeyer. Cleaning costs stay the same whether three or 300 students are in a dorm. "Twenty dollars or more is probably more appropriate," he said.

Anderson Hall and Kreischer Quadrangle will remain open over break, but not all international students live in Anderson or Kreischer.

Noboru Tsuchida, a 21-year-old from Japan, lives in Offenhauer East. Tsuchida does not have the option of staying. Like Akazawa, he will be traveling to New York over break.

Tsuchida, Akazawa and Hayoshi agreed that a few rooms in every dorm should be reserved for students who need to stay.

Natural beauty tops it all

BEAUTY, FROM PAGE 5

You are in a tropical atmosphere and everyone is trying to look hot, tiny bikinis and short skirts are all around. That does not mean that everyone should be wearing them. So don't do it!

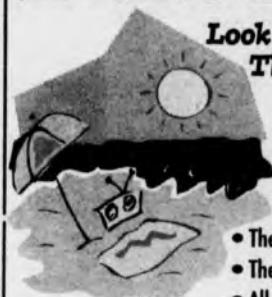
Spring Break is one of the greatest parts of college and early adulthood. Sure, everyone watches the MTV Spring Break stuff and sees all of the hotties in skimpy outfits. Not everyone has those bodies, and if you don't, Spring Break is not a time to pretend. To look good in your own skin is to find comfort. All the preparation and time in the world cannot magically change who you are. The biggest fashion horror is to be uncomfortable, embarrassed and tacky all week long.

So just take simple steps to prevent problems, get relaxed and have fun in an environment that is new, exciting and probably costing the same amount as last semester's tuition. Only you can prevent fashion flaws.

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